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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF COLUMBIA

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1

1922

1922
Advertiser Print
Norway, Maine

Town Officers

Selectmen

RAY F. LOOK

HARRY E. DRISKO

CHAS. F. AMES

Assessors

V. M. LOOK

W. A. LEIGHTON

GEORGE MERITT

Clerk

L. G. SAWYER

Treasurer

GEO. M. COFFIN

School Board

VENIA WHITE ABBOTT

P. L. COLE

A. L. TABBUTT

Road Commissioner

ROSCOE M. GRANT

Overseers Poor

V. M. LOOK

GEO. M. COFFIN

W. A. LEIGHTON

Collector Taxes

H. F. SMITH

Valuation

Real estate, resident.....	\$88,045 00	
Real estate, non-resident.....	76,525 00	
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		\$164,570 00
Personal estate, resident.....	\$18,921 00	
Personal estate, non-resident.....	165 00	
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		\$19,086 00
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Grand total valuation of town.....	\$183,656 00	

MONEY RAISED AT MARCH MEETING 1921

Schools	\$2,200 00	
Repairs on schoolhouses.....	200 00	
Text books	200 00	
Town officers	600 00	
Superintendent of schools.....	250 00	
Poor	200 00	
Roads and bridges	800 00	
Snow breaking	100 00	
Abatements	25 00	
Tuition	200 00	
School appliances	100 00	
State aid road	500 00	
State patrol	400 00	
Miscellaneous	100 00	
Interest on school fund.....	73 32	
Millard Grand & Chas. Drisko Road (so called)	200 00	
Chas. C. Worcester road	100 00	
Approved out building	400 00	
Repairs on Town Hall	250 00	
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Total appropriations by town	\$6,898 32	

State tax	\$1,021 06
County tax	553 41
Supplimentary tax	50 30
Overlay	22 07
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	\$1,646 84

Amount committed for\$8,545 16

Rate, \$44.00 per \$1,000.

Number polls taxed, 138.

Number polls exempt, 5.

Selectmen's Report

SCHOOL FUND

Amount raised by town	\$2,200 00
Received from State school and mill tax.....	407 97
Common school fund	424 96
State equalization fund	234 00
Interest on school fund.....	73 32
Unexpended balance. 1920.....	275 19

Total\$3,615 24

Teachers:

Daisy White, 3 weeks	\$ 45 00
Venia Farnsworth, 11 weeks	165 00
Mattie Dorr, 30 weeks	450 00
Lotta Stewart, 30 weeks	393 50
Ida McKenney, 30 weeks	450 00
Kathleen Plummer, 30 weeks	450 00
Mildred Worcester, 30 weeks	510 00
Rhoda Berry, 20 weeks	260 00

Total for teaching\$2,723 50

Janitors:

Frank Libby	\$ 18 00
Lotta Stewart	26 75
Bertie McKenney	26 75
Hilda Worcester	26 75
Orland Smith	14 50
Perlie Grant	26 75
Mattie Dorr	16 75
George Worcester	6 00
Florence Worcester	7 00

Total for janitors\$169 25

Fuel:

A. L. Tabbutt, 5½ cd., Valley	\$ 64 50
A. L. Tabbutt, ½ cd. edgings, Valley.....	5 00
A. L. Tabbutt, labor on wood, Valley	15 50
John Carter, sawing 5 cd. wood.....	7 50
Charles Grant, 6 cd., Epping	72 00
Harry Libby, 5 cd. Branch	60 00
Lotta Stewart, housing fuel	3 00
Harry Hartford, sawing 5 cd. wood, Epping..	5 00
Venia Abbott, money paid for labor on fuel....	7 75
Orland Smith, labor on fuel, Saco.....	8 00
Alton Allen, 5 cd. wood, Saco.....	60 00
K. F. Bridgham, sawing 5 cd., Saco.....	5 00
Robinson Land & Lbr. Co., 1¼ cd. edgings....	4 38
George Merrill, 5 cd. wood, Webb.....	40 00
Perlie Grant, housing fuel.....	1 50
A. L. Tabbutt, 5 cd. wood, Valley.....	40 00
C. C. Worcester, 5 cd. wood, Epping.....	40 00
A. C. Stevens, hauling edgings.....	3 50
D. E. White, labor on wood	5 40
E. V. Worcester, 5 cd. wood and edgings, Saco	42 00
Roland Nash, 5 cd. wood, Georgetown.....	40 00
J. E. White, 5 cd. wood, Branch	30 00
Merrill Worcester, labor on wood.....	3 00
Total cost of fuel	\$ 563 03
Total for school fund	\$3,482 28
Unexpended	\$ 132 96

SPECIAL TEACHERS' FUND

Received from State.....	\$ 35 00
Mildred Worcester, expenses as helping teacher.....	\$ 26 50

REPAIRS ON SCHOOLHOUSES

Amount of appropriation	\$600 00
D. E. White, labor and material.....	\$ 23 85
Annie Galen, cleaning, Valley schoolhouse.....	6 00

Alex Carter, oiling floor, Georgetown.....	1 00
George Worcester, oiling floor, Saco.....	1 00
Charles McCaslin, cleaning, Branch buildings ..	5 00
Charles McCaslin, labor and material, Branch..	4 95
Grace Sprague, cleaning Georgetown schoolhouse	5 00
Mrs. E. V. Worcester, cleaning, Saco schoolhouse	10 00
Frank Libby, oiling floor at Branch.....	1 15
Rose Scott, cleaning and oiling floor, Webb....	6 00
Venia Abbott, money paid for freight.....	3 07
A. L. Tabbutt, labor and material for "Saco"	
and "Valley"	20 50
A. L. Tabbutt, painting at Valley	14 35
Lotta Stewart, money paid for repairs.....	50
Charles C. Worcester, labor and material for	
Saco and Valley	11 12
E. E. Babb & Co., slate blackboards	20 64
Ronie Worcester, cleaning and oiling floor, Epp-	
ing	2 00
Kennedy Bros., slate blackboards.....	52 30
Kennedy Bros., waste baskets	3 87
Machias Lbr. Co., plank	5 40
Town of Harrington, 10 gal. floor oil.....	7 50
Harry E. Drisko, labor on school buildings....	13 00
Stephen Galen, cleaning outbuilding at Valley..	3 00
George Merritt, labor at Webb.....	3 75
L. K. Worcester, building outbuilding at Epp-	
ing	394 00
L. K. Worcester, labor on school building.....	6 50
Eli Randall, cleaning out building at Georgetown	2 00
L. H. Randall, painting Georgetown.....	9 36
Robert McCarthy, labor at Georgetown.....	5 00
F. W. Burnham, estate, stove for Saco.....	31 00
F. W. Burnham, estate, stove jacket.....	24 00
F. W. Burnham, estate, material for repairs..	4 32
Merrill Worcester, cleaning Epping	6 00
Frank Grant, setting glass, Georgetown.....	75
F. P. Abbott, repairs at Epping.....	1 50

Total\$709 38

Overdrawn\$109 38

TEXT BOOKS

Appropriation	\$200 00
E. E. Babb & Co., books	\$ 14 18
F. A. Owen & Co., school libraries.....	37 00
American Book Co., books.....	1 90
Ginn & Co., books	56 36
A. N. Palmer Co., writing books.....	8 80
Silver, Burdett & Co., books.....	10 70
Benjamin H. Sanborn & Co., books.....	4 48
Houghton Mifflin & Co., books.....	6 73
World Book Co., books	14 02
Total	<u>\$154 17</u>
Unexpended	\$ 45 83

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation	\$600 00
Roscoe M Grant, road commissioner.....	\$183 75
George Merritt, assessor.....	21 00
A. L. Tabbutt, school committee, 1920-1921....	20 00
A. L. Sprague, assessor, 1920.....	1 75
Harry Brown, sealer weights and measures....	6 00
Perley Cole, school committee 1921.....	10 00
A. C. Stevens, health officer.....	10 00
A. C. Stevens, ballot clerk.....	2 50
Harry Drisko, selectmen.....	15 00
Harry Drisko, 2 elections	5 00
W. A. Leighton, assessor.....	21 00
W. A. Leighton, overseer of poor	10 00
V. M. Look, assessor	25 00
V. M. Look, expenses at State Convention....	25 00
V. M. Look, moderator.....	5 00
V. M. Look, deputy town clerk.....	2 00
Ray F. Look, selectman	50 00
Frank Grant, truant officer.....	3 00

H. F. Smith, tax collector.....	170 90
H. F. Smith, constable.....	10 00
George M. Coffin, treasurer.....	50 00
L. G. Sawyer, town clerk.....	5 50
L. G. Sawyer, auditor.....	4 00
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Total	\$656 40
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Overdrawn	\$ 56 40

SUPERINTENDENT SCHOOLS

Appropriation	\$250 00
Ray Robinson, March 1, 1921 to March 1, 1922.....	\$369 36
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Overdrawn	\$119 36

POOR

Appropriation	\$200 00
D. M. House, glasses for James Leighton's daughter	\$ 6 00
E. V. Coffin, supplies for James Leighton.....	127 26
E. V. Coffin, supplies for Irving Sprague.....	24 98
E. V. Coffin, supplies for Sam Randall and Wal- ter Robinson	10 26
Fred Randall, 9 weeks board of Mrs. Irving Randall	36 00
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Total	\$204 30
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Overdrawn	\$ 4 30

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$800 00
Received from State	12 00
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Total	\$812 00
J. E. White, labor with team.....	\$ 75 75
J. E. White, gravel	16 20
Frank Foss, labor	1 75

Roscoe M. Grant, labor of team	72 88
Roscoe Grant, material	4 40
Frank Grant, labor	27 00
Frank Grant, cedar poles	13 00
A. W. Carter, labor.....	9 00
A. W. Carter, gravel	25 05
Alamanza Cain, labor	9 00
Herbert Cain, labor	22 00
Charles Cain, labor	3 00
A. L. Sprague, labor	25 00
Raymond Grant, labor	18 95
Loring Sprague, labor	23 25
Charles E. Grant, labor	4 50
Darrell Grant, labor	72 75
L. K. Worcester, labor	4 50
Stephen Galen, labor	9 75
Charles C. Worcester, labor	6 75
C. M. Conant Co., road grader blade.....	24 00
Leon Grant, labor	46 50
Ray F. Look, labor	7 50
Albert Anderson, labor	9 00
Clifford Worcester, labor	6 00
Melzer McCaslin, labor	3 00
G. F. Savage, labor	10 50
M. E. Ross, 1024 ft. 3 in. plank.....	30 72
Frank Galen, labor	3 00
Walter Nash, labor	7 50
M. F. Grant, labor of team	38 25
Austin Nash, labor	6 75
George Nash, labor	4 50
W. B. Grant, labor	4 50
T. W. Rockwell, labor	10 50
Robinson Land & Lbr. Co., plank.....	49 37
V. M. Look, labor	4 50
A. M. Worcester, labor	18 00
George Merritt, labor	11 00
Merton Alley, labor	3 00
F. P. Abbott, labor	13 50
G. D. Merritt, labor	3 00
G. D. Merritt, cedar poles	1 75
G. L. Tabbutt, repairs on road machine	9 50
L. G. Sawyer, labor	6 00
C. F. Ames, labor and material	28 50
A. C. Stevens, labor	10 50

H. E. Libby, labor	4 50
A. L. Tabbutt, labor	6 95
John Puffer, labor	8 00
John Puffer, gravel	7 65
Chas. H. Tabbutt, repairs on road grader	6 00
E. L. Nash, labor	4 40
Albert Carter, labor	17 50
Albert Carter, cedar poles	1 45
Alton Randall, labor	8 00
E. F. Allen, labor	4 00
Chas. K. Worcester, labor	7 50
W. G. Farnsworth, labor	2 25
G. M. Coffin, nails	2 40
Total	\$895 52
Overdrawn	\$ 83 52

SNOW BREAKING

Appropriation	\$100 00
Ray F. Look	\$ 1 40
Roscoe M. Grant	4 00
Fred Allen	70
Total	\$ 6 10
Unexpended	\$ 93 90

ABATEMENTS

Appropriation	\$ 25 00
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H. F. Smith, for abatements for the following:

G. L. Tabbutt 1920	\$ 17 84
Lewis Plummer Estate	18 26
John Plummer	11 00
A. L. Sprague	1 94
Charles Cain	2 20
Total	\$ 51 24
Overdrawn	26 24

STATE AID ROAD

Raised by town	\$500 00
Received from State	886 01
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Total	\$1,386 01
C. M. Conant Co., 2 culverts	\$ 76 50
R. B. Dunning Co., cement.....	13 20
G. F. Savage, labor	66 00
Norman Callon, labor	28 50
Charles E. Grant, labor	24 00
Lloyd Drisko, labor.....	25 50
Albert Anderson, labor	37 50
Walter Nash, labor	34 50
Leon Grant, labor	58 50
George Nash, labor	2 25
Austin Nash, labor	3 00
Lee Nash, labor	13 50
Raymond Nash, labor	18 00
E. L. Nash, labor	33 00
D. E. White, labor	54 00
T. W. Rockwell, labor	66 00
Darrell Grant, labor	66 00
Ray F. Look, labor	1 50
Maxfield White, labor	9 00
Merton Alley, labor	10 50
J. E. White, labor with team	105 00
J. E. White, gravel and filling.....	150 05
J. E. White, dynamite fuse caps	2 00
Roscoe M. Grant, team, labor and material....	149 23
V. M. Look, labor with team	40 50
F. P. Abbott, labor with team.....	123 00
S. H. Allen, lumber	13 76
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Total	\$1,222 49
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Unexpended	\$ 163 52

STATE PATROL

Appropriation	\$400 00
Paid State	\$527 62
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Overdrawn	\$127 62

THIRD CLASS HIGHWAY

Received from State	\$421 94
W. B. Grant, labor	\$ 31 50
V. M. Look, labor	18 00
V. M. Look, gravel	30 50
Charles H. Tabbutt, labor on drills.....	3 85
G. L. Tabbutt, labor on drills	6 85
Darrell Grant, labor	19 50
D. E. White, labor	27 00
Charles E. Grant, labor	7 50
H. E. Libby, labor	21 00
J. E. White, dynamite fuse and caps	12 94
J. E. White, labor with team	54 00
F. P. Abbott, labor with team.....	30 00
R. M. Grant, labor with team	78 00
Earl Worcester, labor with team	48 00
Total	\$388 64

TUITION

Appropriation	\$200 00
Received from State	333 33
Total	\$533 33
Bangor School Dept., Thelma Smith, Harvey Smith, money paid town of Gorham, Hazel Smith	\$ 22 00
Ulrie Smith	22 00
Junita Smith, money paid town Gorham.....	14 00
Town of Harrington:	
Merton Alley	25 00
Rhoda Berry	40 00
Charles Coffin	10 00
Othello Drisko	40 00
Clyde Grant	40 00
Erma Grant	40 00
George Nash	40 00
Charles Puffer	40 00
Mildred Scott	40 00
Hazel Smith	15 00
Ulrie Smith	15 00

Amy White	40 00	
Anna M. White	40 00	
Mabel Worcester	30 00	
Town Machias, Dorothy Puffer.....	40 00	
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Total		\$598 00
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Overdrawn		\$ 64 69

SCHOOL APPLIANCES

Appropriation		\$100 00
Dowling Supply Co., supplies.....	\$ 28 48	
Thomas Burr Co., promotion cards.....	2 25	
Ray Robinson, for freight, postage, etc.....	20 02	
O. S. Plummer & Sons, 2 tables.....	9 00	
Maine Public Health Association, health charts	3 33	
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies	17 87	
E. V. Coffin, supplies	4 34	
R. E. McKenzie, 4 shades	4 00	
R. E. McKenzie, 6 shade holders.....	16 50	
G. M. Coffin, supplies.....	5 66	
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Total		\$111 45
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Overdrawn		\$ 11 45

MISCELLANEOUS

Appropriation		\$100 00
Received from sale cement.....	10 62	
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Total		\$110 62
George M. Coffin error in books	\$ 4 40	
F. W. Sanborn, printing town reports	42 35	
Loring, Short & Harmon, books, blanks and print-		
ing	15 17	
R. B. Dunning & Co., cement	12 00	
H. E. Drisko, labor on wood for town hall.....	3 25	
H. L. Worcester, wood for town hall.....	30 00	
H. E. Libby, damage to sheep.....	21 00	
C. A. Rockwell, stove for town hall.....	8 00	
V. M. Look, justice services.....	1 00	

Ray F. Look, making 6 voting lists.....	3 00
Ray F. Look, postage	3 00
Ray F. Look, use of automobile.....	5 00
R. M. Grant, freight on cement	10 18
George M. Coffin, supplies for town hall.....	13 55
T. W. Rockwell, axe lost in fire.....	2 00
L. G. Sawyer, vital statistics and postage.....	10 35
O. A. Hodgkins, money hired.....	40 00
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Total	\$224 25

Fires:

Joe Francis, labor on fire.....	\$ 6 30
George Sprague, labor on fire.....	4 80
A. L. Sprague, labor on fire.....	3 60
Ira Smith, labor on fire.....	3 60
Fred Randall, labor on fire.....	17 00
Arthur Thaxter, labor on fire.....	20 90
Elmer Ingersoll, labor on fire.....	12 30
Levi Morse, labor on fire.....	15 90
Irving Curtis, labor on fire.....	15 90
Gleason Smith, labor on fire.....	1 20
M. W. Cotton, labor on fire.....	6 00
Albert Cotton, labor on fire.....	6 00
Frank Smith, labor on fire	16 80
David Tabbutt, labor on fire.....	1 20
Walter Look, labor on fire.....	3 00
Owen Grant, labor on fire.....	3 00
V. M. Look, labor on fire.....	13 50
John Plummer, labor on fire.....	13 50
John Nichols, labor on fire.....	12 30
Clifford Worcester, labor on fires.....	5 40
Asa M. Tracy, labor on fires.....	12 30
Charles Carter, labor on fires.....	3 00
Ray Look, labor on fire	12 00
H L. Worcester, labor on fire	11 44
V. E. Dorr, labor on fire	5 10
C. E. Coffin, labor on fire	22 20
Donald Anderson, labor on fire	3 00
Charles Lawrence, labor on fire	3 00
Andrew Ramsdell, labor on fire	2 40
Hugh Grant, labor on fire	2 40

C. A. Rockwell, labor on fire	3 00
Winton Norton, labor on fire	3 00
Herbert Worcester, labor on fire	3 00
Eri Worcester, labor on fire	6 00
Geo. L. Worcester, labor on fire	3 00
E. V. Coffin, supplies for fire	12 97
Clarence Dorr, labor on fire	13 20
J. E. White, labor on fire	4 50
J. E. White, use of automobile.....	5 80
J. E. White, money paid the following for labor on fire:	
E. L. Nash	90
F. C. Foss	90
W. H. Nash	90
Melzer McCaslin	90
Bartie McCaslin	90
Everett White	3 00
G. F. Savage, labor on fire	1 50
David Babbage, labor on fire	1 80
C. F. Ames, labor on fire	4 50
G. M. Coffin, 3 shovels	4 35
L. G. Sawyer, labor on fire	4 50
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Total	\$337 66
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Total miscellaneous	\$561 91
Overdrawn	\$451 29

TOWN HALL REPAIRS

Appropriation	\$250 00
R. B. Dunning & Co., cement	\$ 13 20
A. L. Wakefield, painting	172 77
H. E. Drisko, labor on steps	9 00
Ray F. Look, labor on steps	9 00
L. F. Leighton, labor on steps	16 00
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Total	\$219 97
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Unexpended	\$ 30 03

MILLARD GRANT AND CHAS. DRISKO ROAD (so called)

Appropriation	\$200 00
Charles E. Grant, labor	\$ 3 00
J. E. White, labor with team	36 00
Ray F. Look, labor	16 50
R. M. Grant, labor of team	9 84
Clifford Worcester, labor	3 00
Darrell Grant, labor.....	21 00
R. E. Worcester, labor with team	24 00
M. F. Grant, labor with team.....	27 00
Harvey Smith, gravel	8 47
A. C. Stevens, labor with team	26 00
Edgar Allen, labor	21 00
Austin Grant, labor with team	2 25
W. G. Worcester, labor with team	4 50

Total\$202 56

Overdrawn\$ 2 56

CHARLES C. WORCESTER ROAD (so called)

Appropriation	\$100 00
Ray F. Look, labor	\$ 12 00
J. E. White, labor with team.....	6 00
R. M. Grant, labor of team	5 34
Clifford Worcester, labor	9 00
Leon Grant, labor	3 75
Darrell Grant, labor.....	9 00
M. E. Ross, 505 ft, 3 in, plank	15 15
Charles C. Worcester, material for bridge	20 00
Stephen Galen, labor	13 50
M. F. Grant, labor of team	4 50
John Puffer, gravel	2 25

Total\$100 49

Overdrawn 49

We respectfully submit the foregoing statement of the town affairs to the tax payers of Columbia which is to the best of our knowledge and belief correct.

RAY F. LOOK,
HARRY E. DRISKO,
CHARLES F. AMES,

Selectmen of Columbia.

Auditor's Report

Balance in treasury March 1st, 1921.....	\$ 567 33
Deg licenses from town clerk.....	53 00
State treasurer, for bear bounties.....	15 00
J. L. Hammett Co., check returned.....	8 05
Robinson Land and Lumber Co., overpaid.....	1 00
Eastern Trust & Banking Co., money hired.....	1,500 00
Herbert Worcester, shingles.....	4 50
Superintendent of schools	2 00
Hall rent	109 75
Improvement State road	886 01
3rd class highway	421 94
School and mill fund	407 97
Common school fund	424 76
Railroad and Tel. tax	10 10
Equalization fund	234 00
Damage to animals	21 00
Free high school	333 33
State pensions	168 00
From Ray Look, blade for grader.....	12 00
R. M. Grant, for cement.....	10 62
H. F. Smith, collector	8,545 16
Total	<u>\$13,735 52</u>

Paid by Treasurer:

Orders drawn by selectmen	\$9,934 26
Irene Leighton, state pension	6 00
Augusta Strout, state pension.....	9 00
Irene Leighton, state pension	6 00
Augusta Strout, state pension	9 00
Patrol highway	527 62
A. P. Worcester, bear bounty.....	10 00
Irene Leighton, state pension	18 00

Augusta Strout, state pension	18 00
Eugene Tabbutt, bear bounty.....	10 00
Eastern Trust Banking Co.....	1,500 00
Interest on same	45 00
State tax	1,021 06
Lydia Nash, state pension	18 00
County tax	553 41
Lydia Nash, state pension	6 00
J. P. Hartford, state pension	48 00
Augusta Strout, state pension	18 00
Irene Leighton, state pension	18 00
State treasurer, dog tax	53 00

Total\$13,828 35

Resources

Due from State, for tuition.....	\$ 65 33
Due from State, bear bounties.....	20 00

Total\$ 85 33
 No liabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. SAWYER, Auditor.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Columbia:

Having served you as collector of taxes for the past twelve years, it becomes part of my duty I owe to myself and the taxpayers, to take a small space in your annual report and thank you one and all for the courteous way you have all used me, most especially the municipal officers. I have received the best attention that could be given a collector. No doubt the taxes could be collected more promptly but my plan has been to collect without putting the town in debt by making it hard for some of our taxpayers, who are not as well situated to pay as others, also it has appeared to me that in quite a few cases it is better to coax out a tax rather than drive it out.

I always try to do my work for the town so that when I meet one of the taxpayers, he or she cannot say I ever did them a wrong, or for the municipal officers to say I have caused the town a lot of extra expense by forcing collections.

As long as the citizens of Columbia wish for me to collect their taxes, I will endeavor to try and please the majority of the people.

Respectfully,

HARRISON F. SMITH, Collector of Taxes.

Superintendent of Schools' Report

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the town of Columbia:

I submit to you my third annual report of your schools as required by law.

I feel better satisfied with the condition of the schools than at any time since I have had the direction of the schools, but realize there is much chance for improvement.

I wish to thank the citizens of the town for their generosity in raising the amounts asked for at the annual meeting. While good schools depend to a large extent upon the quality of the teachers employed, teachers can and will do better work in a room that is well equipped and made as pleasant as possible.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance this year has been very satisfactory but one pupil giving any trouble.

Beginning this year a new law for the distribution of school funds goes into effect. A part of the money received from the state will depend upon the aggregate attendance of all pupils.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

As required by law some attention has been given to physical education. Each teacher has been supplied with a copy of Clark's Physical Training and asked to give as much time as possible to the exercises.

Miss Robinson, the county nurse, gave each child a physical examination, three records of which were made, one being sent to the parents, one kept at the school for future reference and the other retained by the nurse. Parents are urged to have the defects noted corrected as far as possible to do so.

HEALTH CRUSADE

During the fall term a health crusade was started in the lower grades and the pupils encouraged to take it. Eleven simple rules for good health were kept for a period of twenty weeks. I believe some good results were obtained. Material was furnished by the Maine Public Health Association at cost.

TEACHERS

Five of the six teachers who comprised the teaching force for last year have been retained. I believe they have all worked hard for the improvement of the schools. Unless a superintendent can secure the co-operation of the teaching force, it is difficult to accomplish much. Parents should help the teacher as far as possible. While a moderate amount of criticism may help a person the same amount of praise will do far more.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Some material for school libraries have been purchased this year and used to a good advantage in the schools. To get the pupils interested in the right kind of reading is very important. Every school is now equipped with a library of some kind and when the books have been read carefully, they can be exchanged with those of another school. The Epping school was fortunate enough to be supplied with a traveling library from the State Library at Augusta.

REPAIRS

A good woodshed and connected toilets conforming to the law were constructed at Epping and a very satisfactory job was done.

At Saco a new stove was purchased, some minor repairs made on the interior of the building, and some new blackboards put up.

The walls of both the Valley and Georgetown buildings have been painted, making the rooms much pleasanter.

All buildings are now equipped with flags with the poles and ropes in condition so that the flags may be raised in pleasant weather.

NEEDED REPAIRS

Two buildings must be provided this year with connected toilets and woodsheds, one side of the Saco building must be shingled and the interior of the building should be painted.

A new stove is needed for the Branch school and the walls and ceiling should be painted.

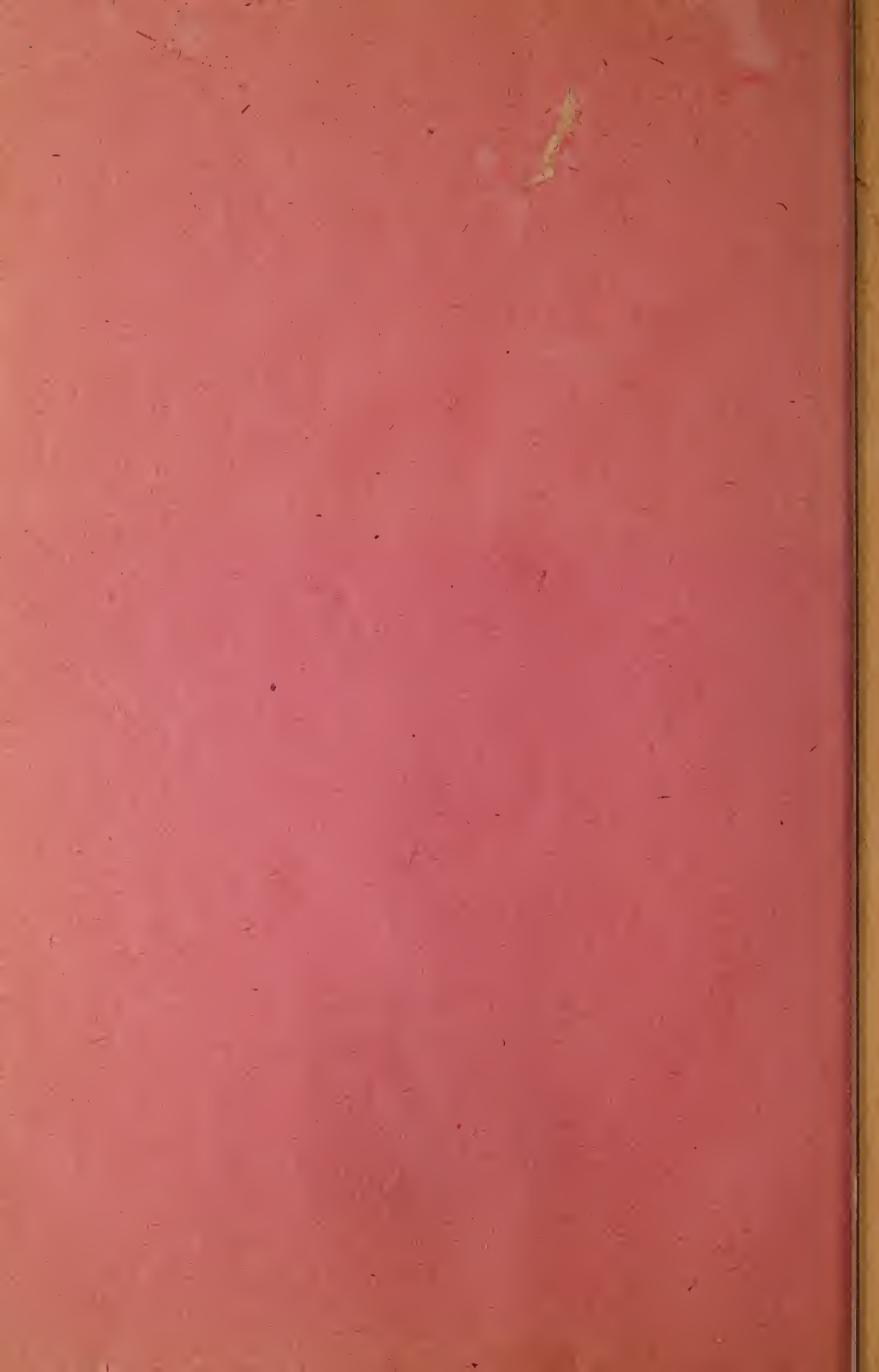
CONCLUSION

Each year new demands are being made upon the schools. We are no longer satisfied with the teaching of the three R's but are beginning to realize that the training of the physical as well as mental side of the pupils is important.

The amount received from the State for common school will be increased under the new law about four or five hundred dollars. If the taxpayers feel that they can afford it I would recommend that the length of the school year be increased two or three weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY ROBINSON, Superintendent of Schools.



**ANNUAL
TOWN
REPORT**

COLUMBIA

1922

1923



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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Municipal Officers
OF THE
TOWN OF COLUMBIA
FOR THE
Year Ending March 1
1923

1923
Advertiser Print, Norway, Maine

Town Officers

Selectmen

RAY F. LOOK

J. E. WHITE

HERBERT CAIN

Assessors

V. M. LOOK

F. W. SMITH

A. L. SPRAGUE

Clerk

L. G. SAWYER

Treasurer

GEO. M. COFFIN

School Board

W. G. WORCESTER

VENIA WHITE ABBOTT

P. L. COLE

Road Commissioner

ROSCOE M. GRANT

Overseers Poor

E. V. WORCESTER

GEO. M. COFFIN

W. A. LEIGHTON

Collector Taxes

H. F. SMITH

Valuation

Real estate, resident	\$80,580 00
Real estate, non-resident	79,060 00
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Total	\$159,640 00
 Personal estate, resident	 \$18,490 00
Personal estate, non-resident	445 00
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Total	\$18,935 00
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Grand total valuation of town.....	\$178,575 00

RAISED BY TOWN AT MARCH MEETING 1922

Raised by town at March meeting 1922.....	\$5,938 32
State tax	1,113 75
County tax	553 41
Supplementary tax	24 30
Overlay	121 60
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Amount committed for collection.....	\$7,751 38

Rate \$41.00 per \$1000.

No. Polls taxed, 135.

No. polls exempt, 5.

Selectmen's Report

SCHOOL FUND

Amount raised by town	\$1,500 00
Received from State School and mill tax and Common School fund	1,330 94
State Equalization fund	174 00
Interest on school fund	73 32
Unexpended balance 1921	132 96
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Total	\$3,211 22

Teachers:

Rhoda Berry, teaching 29 weeks	\$415 00
Ida McKenney, teaching 10 weeks	150 00
Mattie Dorr, teaching 10 weeks	150 00
Lotta Stewart, teaching 29 weeks	435 00
Kathleen Plummer, teaching 25 weeks	375 00
Mildred Worcester, teaching 29 weeks	493 00
Clyde Grant, teaching 20 weeks	274 00
Belva Scammon, teaching 19 weeks	285 00
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Total	\$2,577 00

SPECIAL TEACHERS' FUND

Mildred Worcester, expenses as helping teacher	\$5 00
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Janitors:

Louise White, 10 weeks	\$ 7 50
Florence Worcester, 16 weeks	13 50
Lotta Stewart, 16 weeks	13 50
Bertie McKenney, 36 weeks for 26 weeks pay....	27 75
Elva Worcester, 29 weeks	23 25

Perlie Grant, 25 weeks	18 75 ✓
Ida Worcester, 13 weeks	9 75 ✓
Eva B. Libby, 7 weeks	7 00
Harold Stewart, 13 weeks	9 75 ✓
Chas. Worcester Jr., 3 weeks	3 00
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Total	\$133 75

Fuel:

Eugene Tibbitts, fitting fuel at Valley.....	\$ 8 00
Daniel White, fitting fuel at Branch.....	7 50
Harry McKenney, fitting fuel at Epping.....	10 00
Hollis Geel, fitting fuel at Georgetown.....	7 50
E. V. Worcester, fitting fuel at Saco	10 00
Bertie McKenney, labor on fuel at Valley.....	3 00
Harold Stewart, labor on fuel at Webb.....	2 50
Woodrow Richardson, labor on fuel at Georgetown	2 75
George Merrill, 4 cd. wood, Webb.....	32 00
W. G. Farnsworth, 5cd. wood, Saco	40 00
Stephen Galen, 5 cd. wood, Valley.....	50 00
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Total	\$173 25
Total for school fund	\$2,889 00
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Unexpended	\$ 322 22

REPAIRS ON SCHOOLHOUSES

Amount of appropriation.....	\$250 00
Amount raised for approved out building.....	400 00
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Total amount raised.....	\$650 00
Epping:	
Daniel White, labor and material.....	\$ 12 50
Rona D. Worcester, oiling floor.....	2 40
J. L. Hammett, desks and freight.....	23 00
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Total for Epping	\$ 37 90

Saco:

W. G. Worcester, shingles and freight.....	\$ 91 28
W. G. Worcester, supplies for repairs.....	5 80
Daniel White, laying shingles	28 00
E V. Worcester, oiling floor	1 25
C. C. Worcester, cleaning schoolhouse.....	5 00
C. C. Worcester, repairs on schoolhouse.....	7 00

Total for Saco\$138 33

Valley:

F. W. Burnham Co., stove and repairs.....	\$ 33 25
C. C. Worcester, cleaning schoolhouse.....	5 00
C. C. Worcester, oiling floor.....	2 50
C. C. Worcester, repairs on building	2 75

Total for Valley.....\$ 43 50

Branch:

F. W. Burnham Co., stove and repairs.....	\$ 33 25
Daniel White, labor and material	3 00
Venia Abbott, cleaning and oiling floor	1 94

Total for Branch\$ 38 19

Webb:

Alice Merritt, cleaning building	\$ 7 00
Lotta Stewart, repairs	50
E. E. Farren, repairs on clock.....	1 75

Total for Webb.....\$ 9 25

Georgetown:

Albert McCarthy, building new out building....	\$325 00
Albert McCarthy, repairs on building.....	54 75
A. L. Sprague, labor on building.....	3 50
Hollis Geel, setting glass	50
Eliza Geel, cleaning building.....	6 00

Total for Georgetown\$389 75

Total for repairs on houses.....\$656 92

Overdrawn\$ 6 92

TEXT BOOKS

Amount appropriated	\$200 00
F. A. Owen Co., books	\$ 11 00
Allyn & Bacon, books	1 88
D. McNelton Co., books, 1921 acct.....	68 00
D. McNelton Co., books, 1922 acct.....	34 00
E. E. Babb & Co., books.....	17 66
American Book Co., books	8 30
Silver Burdett Co., books	20 13
Ginn & Co., books	46 45
D. Appleton Co., books	1 91
World Book Co., books	5 88
G. W. Putnam & Sons, books.....	9 87
J. L. Hammett Co., books	23 95
B. H. Sanborn Co., books	3 40
Total	<u>\$252 43</u>
Overdrawn	\$ 52 43

APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES

Amount appropriated	\$100 00
Herbert Palmer, school supplies.....	\$ 5 16
Kennedy Bros., school supplies	3 64
Ray Robinson, supplies and postage.....	9 73
Thomas Burr & Co., supplies	16 84
R. E. McKenzie, shade and shade holders....	21 50
O. S. Plummer & Sons, school supplies	21 60
E. E. Babb & Co., school supplies	8 37
W. N. Plummer, school supplies	1 95
J. L. Hammett & Co., school supplies.....	7 08
Maine Public Health Ass'n., school supplies....	2 00
E. V. Coffin, school supplies	2 46
Town of Harrington, 9 gal. floor oil.....	6 30
George M. Coffin, broom.....	75
Total	<u>\$107 38</u>
Overdrawn	\$ 7 38

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation	\$500 00
Austin Grant, ballot clerk 5 days	\$ 12 50
A. L. Sprague, assessor	14 00
M. F. Grant, school committee, 1920.....	10 00
R. M. Grant, road commissioner.....	133 50
P. L. Cole, school committee	10 00
V. M. Look, assessor	25 00
V. M. Look, moderator	5 00
Harry Brown, sealer weights and measures....	7 00
F. W. Smith, assessor	16 25
F. W. Smith, 1 day at Machias	5 00
H. E. Drisko, ballot clerk, 2 days.....	5 00
A. C. Stevens, ballot clerk, 1 day.....	2 50
A. C. Stevens, health officer	10 00
H. F. Smith, constable	10 00
George M. Coffin, treasurer	50 00
W. A. Leighton, overseer poor	10 00
Ray F. Look, 1st selectman.....	50 00
Ray F. Look, 2 trips at Machias	5 00
J. E. White, 2nd selectman.....	25 00
L. G. Sawyer, town clerk.....	17 50
L. G. Sawyer, auditor	5 00
Total	\$428 25
Unexpended	\$ 71 75

SUPERINTENDENT SCHOOLS

Appropriation	\$300 00
Ray Robinson, March 1st, 1922, to March 1st, 1923.....	333 38
Overdrawn	\$ 33 38

TOWN POOR

Appropriation	\$400 00
Harry Morse, for board of Mary Randall.....	\$ 87 00
Calais Hospital, expenses of Elzina Leighton....	66 00
J. E. White, expenses of Calvin Grant.....	38 87

J. E. White, meals and lodging, three hoboes...	3 00
G. L. Burritt, M. D., for services to Calvin Grant	3 00
G. L. Burritt, M. D., for services to Sam Randall	7 10
G. L. Burritt, M. D., for services to Jas. Leighton	32 65
E. V. Coffin, supplies for Jas. Leighton, Sam Randall and Walter Robinson.....	341 06
Total	\$578 68
Overdrawn	\$178 68

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$600 00
R. M. Grant, labor of team and material.....	\$ 58 35
Sam Lawrence, labor	5 00
Frank Foss, labor	7 00
A. M. Worcester, labor with team.....	25 00
Darrel D. Grant, labor	40 00
Ernest Grant, labor	4 00
Robinson Land and Lumber Co., lumber.....	73 73
N. H. Bragg & Sons, hammers.....	3 16
J. E. White, labor with team.....	54 35
Ray F. Look, labor	16 00
Lewis Seavey, labor	13 00
M. F. Grant, labor of team.....	32 25
Leon Grant, labor	6 00
W. B. Grant, labor	2 00
Temple Coffin, labor	6 00
H. E. Drisko, labor	2 50
Charles Ames, labor	8 00
Charles Grant, labor	14 00
F. P. Abbott, labor with team.....	31 50
David Babbage, labor	5 00
James Scott, labor	3 00
William Scott, labor	12 00
Raymond Grant, labor	4 50
V. M. Look, labor	3 90
Machias Lbr. Co., dynamite and fuse.....	19 50
O. S. Plummer & Sons, axe and handle.....	2 30
T. W. Rockwell, labor	4 00

Charles Kilton, gravel	3 15
Ernest Grant, labor	2 50
G. O. Merritt, labor	8 00
H. E. Worcester, labor with team.....	31 62
W. R. Sinclair, labor	5 00
William Vance, labor	6 00
Orman Worcester, gravel	6 30
Charles K. Worcester, labor with team.....	21 90
W. G. Farnsworth, labor.....	1 00
James Leighton, labor	7 00
Eli Randall, labor	6 00
Perlie Cole, labor with team.....	8 75
Herbert Cain, labor	17 35
John Lawrence, labor	3 50
Peter Joyce, labor	2 00
A. W. Carter, gravel	16 47
Pejepscot Paper Co., lbr.....	5 50
R. W. Ingersoll, labor	17 00
A. C. Stevens, labor with team.....	15 75
W. G. Worcester, gravel and clay.....	4 30
Harvey Smith, gravel	1 50
G. L. Tabbutt, labor on road machine.....	1 65
E. F. Allen, labor	2 00
Austin Grant, labor	8 25
Ernest Grant, labor	10 50
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Total	\$669 03
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Overdrawn	\$ 69 03

FARNSWORTH ROAD SO CALLED

Appropriation	\$150 00
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R. M. Grant, labor of team.....	\$ 9 00
Leon Grant, labor	12 00
K. F. Bridgham, labor	12 00
Earl Worcester, labor	18 00
Austin Grant, labor	17 50
M. F. Grant, labor of team.....	9 00
George Peterson, labor	10 00
W. G. Farnsworth, labor	8 00
C. E. Farnsworth, labor	6 00

L. F. Leighton, labor	4 50
I. E. Worcester, labor	14 00
I. E. Worcester, sharpening drills	2 05
Eri Worcester, gravel	24 15
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Total	\$146 20
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Unexpended	\$ 3 80

STATE AID HIGHWAY

Appropriation	\$300 00
Received from State	484 48
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Total	\$784 48

R. B. Dunning & Co., cement	\$ 15 30
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culvert	25 88
Robinson Land & Lbr. Co., lumber	7 64
I. E. Worcester, sharpening drills	2 30
R. D. Tabbutt gravel	18 60
R. M. Grant, fgt. on cement	5 66
R. M. Grant, labor with team	86 62
Ray F. Look, labor with team	20 62
F. P. Abbott, labor with team	73 75
A. C. Stevens, labor with team	51 25
J. E. White, labor with team	45 00
J. E. White, gravel and filling	72 45
W. B. Grant, labor	6 00
Walter Nash, labor	10 00
K. F. Bridgham, labor	25 00
Darrel Grant, labor	27 50
Earl Worcester, labor	21 50
E. L. Nash, labor	20 50
Leon Grant, labor	3 00
H. E. Drisko, labor	8 00
V. M. Look, labor	35 50
H. F. Smith, labor	20 50
D. E. White, labor	32 50
M. F. Grant, labor of team	28 87
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Total	\$664 44
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Unexpended	\$120 04

STATE PATROL

Appropriation	\$400 00
Paid the State	465 60
Overdrawn	\$ 65 60

TUITION

Appropriation	\$300 00
State money not received.	
Town of Machias, Dorothy Puffer.....	\$ 20 00
Town of Gorham:	
Juanita Smith,	35 00
Ulric Smith	36 00
Hazel Smith	36 00
City of Bangor:	
Thelma Smith	20 00
Town of Col. Falls:	
Etta Galen	30 00
Hilda Worcester	30 00
Muriel Worcester	30 00
Town of Harrington:	
Floyd Libby	55 00
Anna White	55 00
Charles Puffer	55 00
Prescot Ferren	55 00
Chas. Foss	55 00
Mura Stevens	55 00
Frank Libby	55 00
Helen Dorr	55 00
Edna Libby	55 00
Mildred Scott	55 00
Sylvia Abbott	55 00
Nettie Coffin	55 00
Erma Grant	55 00
Irene Puffer	55 00
Vernon Smith	7 50
Total	\$1,014 50
Overdrawn	\$ 714 50

SNOW BREAKING

Appropriation	\$100 00
W. B. Grant	\$ 12 72
L. F. Leighton, 1921	2 00
George Merritt	3 50
F. P. Abbott	7 18
Frank Foss	18 38
V. R. Nash	12 00
Vernon Smith	2 75
Jas. Leighton	3 75
Alamanza Cain	7 00
W. L. Young	11 00
Ernest Grant	3 50
Raymond Grant	6 75
Carroll Sargent	3 13
Perlie Grant	7 75
William Vance	5 50
Roland Nash	1 00
Andrew Richardson	6 25
Perlie Cole	6 25
Eli Randall	7 25
Hollis Geel	3 00
Walter Robinson	3 50
Peter Joyce	8 38
Irving Sprague	7 75
Herbert Cain	12 75
George Worcester	5 00
Nalden Hall	9 00
Basil Strout	8 19
Fred Allen	10 00
M. W. Nash	5 00
Eldon Pinkham	7 50
William Scott	5 25
F. W. Smith	3 50
David Babbage	6 00
Irving Stevens	5 00
Carl Worcester	6 00
H. E. Drisko	2 00
David Tabbutt	5 75
Merrill Worcester	5 50
Geo. E. Smith	8 00
A. C. Stevens	3 88

Eugene Kelley	7 50
Guy Allen	8 50
L. K. Worcester	3 50
Stephen Galen	6 50
H. E. Libby	4 50
A. L. Tabbutt	6 20
E. S. Stewart	3 25
Chas. E. Grant	2 63
E. L. Nash	5 00
T. W. Rockwell	1 25
E. V. Worcester	2 50
R. M. Grant	6 00
C. E. Farnsworth	2 00
W. G. Farnsworth	2 75
E. F. Allen	5 05
K. F. Bridgham	6 50
B. I. Farnsworth	1 25
C. A. Rockwell	1 00
Walter Nash	3 25
D. E. White	5 63
Everett White	6 25
Sam Lawrence	8 75
John Lawrence	9 00
G. F. Savage	11 00
H. F. Smith	2 50
Earl Worcester	5 75
C. A. Worcester	1 13
V. M. Look	6 75
Ray F. Look	9 00
M. F. Grant	2 25
H. B. Ingersoll	1 50
A. P. Worcester	38
C. C. Drisko	1 63
J. E. White	12 50
L. G. Sawyer	5 75

Total\$427 52

Overdrawn\$327 52

 ABATEMENTS

Appropriation\$ 25 00

H. F. Smith for abatements as follows:

A. W. Allen	\$ 3 00
Sagadahoc Towing Co.	41 00
Gleason Smith	12 30
James Leighton	3 00

Total	\$ 59 30
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Overdrawn	\$ 24 30
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 MISCELLANEOUS

Appropriation\$200 00

Received from M. C. R. R. Co., on account fire..\$ 29 50

Raised for Wash. County, Anti Tuberculosis Assn. 100 00

Total	\$329 50
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Emery Scott, labor on fire, 1921.....	\$300 00
W. S. Coffin, insurance on town hall.....	40 00
F. W. Sanborn, printing town reports.....	48 75
Loring, Short & Harmon, books, blanks and printing	20 82
Clark, the printer, 500 letter heads.....	4 10
Orman Worcester, supplies for town hall.....	6 50
Raymond Nash, labor on fire.....	2 80
Ray F. Look, money paid for labor on R. R. fire..	29 50
Paid Wash. County, Anti Tuberculosis Ass'n...	100 00
George M. Coffin, supplies for town hall.....	13 31
Ray F. Look, labor on town hall cistern.....	2 00
Ray F. Look, 7 voting lists.....	3 50
Ray F. Look, postage and telephone.....	3 04
J. E. White, labor on fire and use of auto.....	3 90

J. E. White, paid the following for labor on fire:

A. P. Nash, 2 hours	60
Frank Foss, 2 hours	60
C. H. Hammond, 2 hours	60
Melzer McCaslin, 2 hours	60
Everett White, 2 hours	60
L. G. Sawyer, vital statistics and printing....	7 80

\$292 02

Unexpended\$ 37 48

We respectfully submit the foregoing statement of the town affairs and to the tax payers of Columbia which is to the best of our knowledge and belief, correct.

RAY F. LOOK,
J. E. WHITE,
HERBERT CAIN.

Selectmen of Columbia.

Collector's Report

Whole commitment	\$7,751 38
Amount collected	7,442 55

Amount to collect	\$ 308 83
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LIST OF UNPAID TAXES

Alamanza Cain	\$ 3 00
Nahum Cole	5 05
Frank Grant	8 71
Frank Galen	6 40
Raymond Grant	2 60
Minnie Hall Est.	3 01
Nalden Hall	1 31
A. M. Ingersoll, paid in Sherman, Me.....	3 00
Peter Joyce	3 62
Lendell Lawson	3 00
Harry Morse	5 87
Bartie McCaslin	6 08
Melzer McCaslin	3 00
Moses W. Nash	17 35
Eldon Pinkham	5 05
Irving Randall	5 13
Sam Randall	4 44
Ezra Randall	3 00
Walter Robinson	4 44
W. R. Sinclair	9 69
Harry Seavey	5 05
William Vance	5 46
E. V. Worcester	18 92
George N. Young Est.....	20 84
Herbert Coffin	10 25
Ira Fickett	6 97
Alton Randall	4 07

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. SMITH, Collector

Auditor's Report

Received by Treasurer:

Bear bounties	\$ 90 00
H. E. Drisko, for hall rent	3 50
H. L. Worcester, for hall rent.....	28 00
Laura Worcester, for hall rent	46 00
Union Trust Co., money hired March 21 ...	1,000 00
May 27	1,000 00
June 26	1,000 00
Jan. 22, 1923..	1,000 00
State Treasurer, for Mothers' Aid.....	210 00
Tax on bank stock.....	3 02
Town Clerk, dog taxes	43 00
State Treasurer, for improved state road....	484 48
State Treasurer, pensions	132 00
Town of Harrington, use road machine.....	2 00
State Treasurer, state school fund	1,326 66
Railroad and telephone tax.....	9 09
M. C. R. R. for fire.....	29 50
Orrin Hodgkins, for note and interest.....	43 80
State Treasurer, for Equalization fund	174 00
State Treasurer, school fund adjustment.....	3 28
City of Bangor, tuition returned.....	20 00
From H. F. Smith, collector.....	7,442 55

Total receipts\$14,090 88

Paid by Treasurer:

Due George M. Coffin, March 1st, 1922.....\$	92 83
W. G. Worcester, for bear bounty (one).....	10 00
H. E. Libby, for bear bounty (one).....	10 00
A. P. Worcester, for bear bounty (six).....	60 00
Irene Leighton, State pension for one year..	24 00

Augusta Strout, State pension for one year...	36 00
J. P. Hartford, State pension for one year....	48 00
Lydia Nash, State pension for one year.....	24 00
Ronie D. Worcester, Mothers' Aid from June 1st, 1922 to March 1st, 1923.....	540 00
State patrol	465 60
County tax	553 41
State Treasurer, dog tax	43 00
State Treasurer, dog tax deficiency	5 00
State tax	1,113 75
Dec. 18, 1922, Union Trust Co., note and int.	1,033 33
Jan. 22, 1923, Union Trust Co., note and int.	1,033 33
Feb. 21, 1923, Union Trust Co., note and int.	1,033 33
Orders drawn by selectmen.....	8,101 01
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Total	\$14,226 59

Resources

Due from State tuition (estimated).....	\$ 600 00
State, bear bounty	10 00
State, Mothers' aid	60 00
Tax collector	308 83
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Total resources	\$ 978 83

Liabilities

Owe Geo. M. Coffin, March 3, 1923.....	\$ 135 71
Orders drawn by selectmen.....	418 02
Union Trust Co., money hired.....	1,000 00
Due H. F. Smith, collector's fee	155 03
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Total liabilities	\$1,708 76

Respectfully submitted,

L. G. SAWYER, Auditor.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the town of Columbia:

As required by law, I submit to you my fourth annual report as Superintendent of your Schools.

I sincerely believe the schools are in the best condition that they have been at any time during the past four years. This is not due to the fact that I have worked any harder than before, but rather that we have had a better corps of teachers. For the past few years teachers have been so scarce that good ones were hard to find, now conditions are slowly changing.

To maintain good schools at least four essentials are necessary. You must have a corps of good teachers, who are willing to follow any suggestions made; the schools must be well equipped; the teachers must have a pleasant and comfortable place in which to work; and some definite plan must be followed. I have already mentioned the teaching force, each year the equipment of the schools is improved and the buildings made more comfortable.

On Friday afternoons each teacher has taken some time to teach nature study, current events, music, drawing, etc., which they do not have time for when following their regular schedule. I believe this has been a decided advantage as the pupils who are interested in those subjects are given an opportunity for development.

A decided improvement has been made in the writing. The teachers who have attended Summer School have received training in the teaching of the Palmer Method of Writing, while the others who were not proficient have been required to take a course by mail.

A list of books by standard authors has been prepared for the pupils in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. Pupils are to be required to read and report upon at least one each term, and it is hoped that the pupils will get interested in reading the right kind of books.

School lunches have been served in all the schools during the cold weather where pupils remain during the noon hour. The serving of the lunches improves the discipline also the health of the children.

REPAIRS

The Saco building was shingled, the plastering fixed, and the walls and ceiling whitened making a decided improvement in the building.

New stoves had to be purchased for both the Branch and Valley buildings, the stove at the Valley falling to pieces at the beginning of the winter term.

At Epping the seats were re-arranged making them more comfortable, and a few new ones purchased. Some minor repairs were also made upon the building.

At Georgetown connected toilets and a woodshed was constructed by contract. The building was set on concrete posts and a very satisfactory job done.

NEEDED REPAIRS

Almost every building in town needs painting, those in the Webb, Georgetown and Branch districts needing the most attention. The estimated cost being between fifty and seventy-five dollars per building. Repairs should also be made on the foundation of the building at the Branch.

The walls and ceiling of both the Branch and Epping buildings should be whitened and some new blackboards are need at the Webb district.

The building at Georgetown is getting crowded and if some new desks could be provided it would relieve the congestion to some extent.

CONCLUSION

I wish to exepress my appreciation to the citizens and to every member of the school committee for the manner in which they have co-operated with me during the past year to make the schools a success. Since the beginning of the fall term I have yet to hear a criticism about the school, which would seem to indicate they were satisfactory.

Sometime during the spring term I wish to hold a school exhibition in the hall to give the parents an opportunity to see some of the work of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY ROBINSON.

Members of school committee: Perlle Cole, Mrs. F. P. Abbott, Waldo Worcester.

The pupils at the Branch school are raising funds for the purchase of a victrola. They have already purchased two pictures for their schoolroom during the past year.

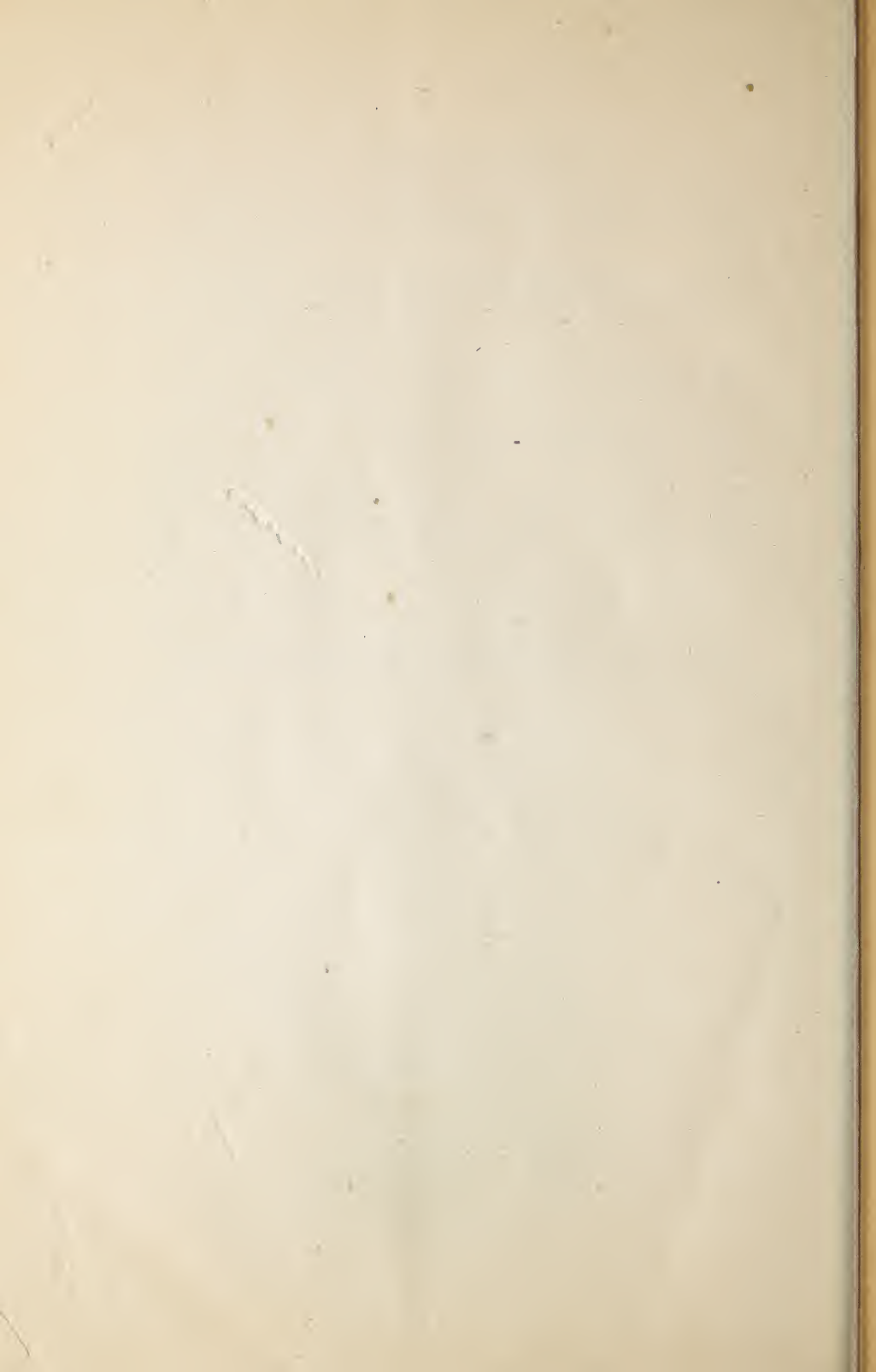
The pupils at Epping have purchased a set of records for their victrola, which enables them to take their physical exercises by music.

The Saco pupils who had a perfect attendance for the fall term were: Fred Worcester, Douglas Worcester, Edna Worcester, Sara Puffer, Donald White, Justin Worcester, Arlie Bridgham, Abbie Smith. Carberry: Clyde Lawrence Perlle Grant. Branch: Arietta Hawkes, Elvina and Eva Libby, Walter Savage, Frieda White, Newell and Russell White. Valley: Stephen, Bertha and Kellar Galen. Webb: Clifford McQuarrie, Georgia Merritt, Eugene Coffin, Winslow Merritt.

The average school tax rate for the state is .0108, Columbia's is .011.

The average length of the school year in days is 163, Columbia's is 150.





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**Speed Limit and Danger Signs for the
Direction, Information and Guidance
of the Traveling Public**

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